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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Dear House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment:

Thank you for reading my testimony.

My name is Ron. I am a drag racer, a Democrat, and have been racing at PIR since 1975.

This claim came to my attention in 2022 when I read a post about this on the popular Nextdoor app. The claim was there was lead in the air, as well as in the water and on the grounds at PIR. No actual test results were cited. This supposed lead contamination was claimed to be causing low test scores of the school children in that area.

Rather interesting in that these are old homes and it's quite possible contain lead paint and or lead pipes.

This same gentleman also stated it was his goal to have PIR closed. I see this as a thinly disguised method of doing so.

PIR is certainly a revenue source for the city and the surrounding area.

NASCAR and Indy Car bring not only money, but attention to our beautiful city.

Neither organization uses leaded fuel BTW. NASCAR is E15 un-leaded (15% Ethanol) and Indy Car uses ethanol manufactured from sugar production waste. Yes, I looked it up.

Most street type cars that use the facility can't use leaded fuel as it destroys the catalytic converters and emissions systems.

I simply don't feel that over the course of the racing season there is a lot of leaded race fuel being used there.

Just an FYI. The majority of small piston engine aircraft HAVE to use leaded fuel. It's called 100 octane low lead. If they don't use leaded fuel, they suffer engine failure.

Not a good thing when you can't just coast to a stop.

PIR is quite close to the airport. These planes hold and burn hundreds of gallons of fuel and routinely fly around our area. Seems possible that any tiny amount of lead in the air could be coming from them.

Lastly, how would this be enforced? Scouts honor? Fuel testing by the city or state? Sniff test?

I'm a well-educated guy who has lived his life by common sense.

Picking this incredibly low hanging fruit just doesn't make sense to me.

Sincerely

Ron